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SUMMARY. NATO SPECIALIZATION STEERING GROUP OF PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVES WILL MEET FEB 19 TO CONSIDER DRAFT REPORTS
TO DPC ON (1) FURTHER STUDIES, AND (2) MARITIME FORCES.
MISSION FINDS REPORTS ACCEPTABLE AND, UNLESS OTHERWISE
NOTIFIED BY OPENING OF BUSINESS FEB. 15, WE WILL
APPROVE THEM. END SUMMARY.

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TEXTS OF DRAFT REPORTS FOLLOW. QUOTE:

STEERING GROUP OF THE STUDY ON POSSIBILITIES OF SPECIALISATION.

DRAFT REPORT TO THE DPC IN PERMANET SESSION.

INTRODUCTION

1. FOLLOWING THE DECISION OF THE DPC IN MINISTERIAL SESSION ON 7TH JUNE, 1973(1), THE DPC IN PERMANENT SESSION REQUESTED A STEERING GROUP CONSISTING OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERESTED COUNTRIES (2) TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE POSSIBILITIES OF SPECIALISATION IN THE CENTRAL REGION. TO THIS END THE STEERING GROUP DECIDED TO ESTABLISH SUBGROUPS ON LANDFORCES, AIRFORCES, LOGISTICS AND MARITIME FORCES.
2. AT THE MINISTERIAL SESSION OF THE DPC ON 6TH DECEMBER, 1973 (3), MINISTERS ACCEPTED CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SPECIALISATION IN LANDFORCES AND AIRFORCES AND REQUESTED THE DPC IN PERMANENT SESSION TO CONSIDER FURTHER THE BEST WAY OF CONDUCTING SPECIALISATION STUDY.
3. AT THE MEETING OF THE DPC IN PERMANENT SESSION OF 9TH JANUARY, 1974, THE DISCUSSION ON THIS MATTER WAS TEMPORARILY POSTPONED IN ORDER TO GIVE THE STEERING GROUP TIME TO GIVE ITS VIEWS.

(1) DPC/D(73)13 DATED 12TH JUNE, 1973.

(2) BELGIUM, CANADA, GERMANY, LUXEMBURG, NETHERLANDS, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES.

(3) DPC/D(73)31 DATED 3RD DECEMBER, 1973.

SET-UP OF THE STUDY

4. THE STEERING GROUP DISCUSSED THE MATTER ON 19TH FEBRUARY, 1974, AND, ALTHOUGH RECOGNIZING THAT THE PRAGMATIC APPROACH FOLLOWED IN THE INITIAL STAGE OF THE STUDY HAD CERTAIN ADVANTAGES, IT CONCLUDED THAT THE FURTHER STAGES OF THE STUDY ON THE POSSIBILITIES OF SPECIALISATION COULD BEST BE PURSUED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF AN EXISTING NATO BODY.

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5. IN VIEW OF THE CHARACTER OF THE SPECIALISATION STUDY THE STEERING GROUP CONSIDERS THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP AD 70 THE MOST APPROPRIATE BODY TO BE TASKED WITH FURTHER MONITORING THE SPECIALISATION STUDY; OTHER STUDIES OF THE EWG BEING CLOSELY RELATED TO PROBLEMS CONCERNING SPECIALISATION. THE EWG SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO REPORT AT REGULAR INTERVALS BETWEEN MINISTERIAL SESSIONS TO THE DPC IN PERMANET SESSION CONCERNING PROGRESS MADE WITH THE SPECIALISATION STUDY.

6. THE STUDY SHOULD EXAMINE PRACTICAL POSSIBILITIES FOR TRADE-OFF ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN COUNTRIES CONCERNING SPECIFIC TASKS OF THEIR FORCES. PROSPECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS TO BE EXAMINED SHOULD BE DEVISED ON THE BASIS THAT THE PURPOSE IS NOT TO UNLOAD WITHOUT RETURN TASKS

ON OTHER PARTNERS BUT THAT AN EQUIVALENT EFFORT WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN IN OTHER FIELDS.

7. AS IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT ALL ALLIES WOULD BE EQUALLY INVOLVED IN ALL CASES OF SPECIALISATION TO BE STUDIED, THE STEERING GROUP SUGGESTS THAT THE EWG WOULD ADOPT THE PROCEDURE OF HOLDING SPECIAL SESSIONS ON SPECIALISATION WITH OPEN-ENDED ATTENDANCE, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL.

8. IN ORDER TO KEEP THE APPROACH OF THE STUDY AS FLEXIBLE AND PRAGMATIC

AS POSSIBLE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE EWG SHOULD HAVE UNDER ITS DIRECTION SUBGROUPS FOR LANDFORCES, MARITIME FORCES, AIRFORCES AND LOGISTICS, AND WOULD ALSO BE AUTHORISED TO ESTABLISH AD HOC SUB-GROUPS IF AND WHEN REQUIRED. PARTICIPATION IN THE VARIOUS SUBGROUPS WOULD BE ON AN OPEN-ENDED BASIS AND THEY SHOULD PREFERABLY BE CHAIRED BY A MEMBER OF THE IS OR THE IMS.

9. THE NEW SUBGROUPS FOR LANDFORCES, MARITIME FORCES, AIRFORCES AND LOGISTICS SHOULD CONTINUE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EXISTING SUBGROUPS WORKING IN THESE FIELDS, TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EXISTING SUBGROUPS.

RECOMMENDATIONS

10. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE DPC IN PERMANENT SESSION:

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A) TAKES NOTE OF THIS REPORT;

B) REQUESTS THE EWG TO TAKE OVER THE WORK OF THE STEERING GROUP ALONG THE LINES OF PARAGRAPHS 4 - 8 ABOVE AND ARRANGE FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE SPECIALISATION STUDY WITHOUT DELAY AND TO REPORT TO THE DPC IN PERMANENT SESSION AT REGULAR INTERVALS;

C) AGREES THAT THE STEERING GROUP DISCONTINUES ITS WORK.

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DRAFT REPORT TO THE DPC IN PERMANENT SESSION (MARITIME FORCES)

INTRODUCTION

1. FOLLOWING THE DECISION OF THE DPC IN MINISTERIAL SESSION ON THE 7TH OF JUNE, 1973, (1), THE DPC IN PERMANENT SESSION REQUESTED A STEERING GROUP CONSISTING OF THE PERMANET REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERESTED COUNTRIES (2) TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE POSSIBILITIES OF SPECIALISATION IN THE CENTRAL REGION.

2. TO THIS END THE STEERING GROUP DECIDED TO ESTABLISH SUBGROUPS ON LANDFORCES, AIRFORCES, LOGISTICS AND MARITIME FORCES.

3. THE REPORT OF THE SUBGROUPS ON LANDFORCES AND AIRFORCES, TOGETHER WITH A REPORT OF THE STEERING GROUP WERE SUBMITTED TO MINISTERS AT THEIR LAST MEETING ON 7TH DECEMBER, 1973 (3). MINISTERS AT THEIR MEETING ENDORSED THE RECOMMENDATIONS AT PARAGRPH 7 OF THE REPORT,

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ENTRUSTING I.A. IN SUBPARAGRAPH (C) "THE DPC IN PERMANENT SESSION TO ARRANGE FOR REPORTS ON THE POSSIBILITIES OF SPECIALISATION IN MARITIME FORCES AND LOGISTICS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THEM AT THEIR 1974 SPRING MEETING".

(1) DPC/D(73)13, DATED 12TH JUNE, 1973.

(2) BELGIUM, CANADA, GERMANY, LUXEMBURG, NETHERLANDS, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES.

(3) DPC/D(73)31, DATED 3RD DECEMBER, 1973.

4. THE REPORT OF THE MARITIME SUBGROUP HAS NOW BEEN COMPLETED AND IS ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT.

CONCLUSIONS OF THE SUBGROUP'S REPORT

5. THE SUBGROUP NAVY, AFTER SURVEYING THE TASKS REQUIRED IN MARITIME

OPERATIONS FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE FEASIBILITY OF SPECIALISATION

THEREIN, CONCLUDES THAT A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF SPECIALISATION HAS IN

FACT ALREADY TAKEN PLACE IN NATO'S MARITIME FORCES. THE REPORT STRESSES

THE CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE OF PROGRESS WITH STANDARDISATION OF EQUIPMENT
AND ITS BEARING ON THE POTENTIAL POSSIBILITIES FOR SPECIALISATION.

IT CONCLUDES THAT THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL POSSIBILITIES FOR
INCREASED COOPERATION AND COORDINATION IN THE FIELDS OF EQUIPMENT,
LOGISTICS AND TRAINING AND POINTS TO THE IMPORTANT ROLE WHICH THE
VARIOUS BODIES MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 54 OF THE REPORT COULD PLAY IN
THIS RESPECT.

6. THE REPORT UNDERLINES THE LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY THE COMPOSITION
OF THE SUBGROUP ITSELF, BEING LIMITED TO MEMBER COUNTRIES WITH FORCES

IN THE CENTRAL REGION. THE SUBGROUP, THEREFORE CONCLUDES THAT
ANY FURTHER STUDIES ON MARITIME SPECIALISATION SHOULD BE UNDER-
TAKEN IN A FORUM ON WHICH ALL NATIONS CONCERNED ARE REPRESENTED.

7. THE SUBGROUP AGREES THAT PARAGRAPH 14 OF THE NETHERLANDS PAPER
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ON MARITIME SPECIALISATION, IN PARTICULAR THE SUBPARAGRAPHS B, C,
D AND E REGARDING LOGISTIC SYSTEM ON ORGANISATION, DELEGATION OF
ORIGINAL COMMAND AND CONTROL, SURVEYANCE, INTELLIGENCE GATHERING AND
TRAINING FACILITIES.

8. THE SUBGROUP FURTHER STATES THAT THE PRINCIPAL DIFFICULTIES TO BE
OVERCOME IN PURSUING THE AIM OF FURTHER SPECIALISATION OF MARITIME
DEFENCE TASKS ARE RELATED TO NATIONAL TASKS, NATIONAL EQUIPMENT PRO-
GRAMMES AND PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS, BUT THAT RECONCILING
DIFFERENCES IN THESE AREAS IS PRIMARILY A POLITICAL, RATHER THAN
A MILITARY TASK.

FUTURE WORK

9. THE REPORT DOES NOT INDICATE SPECIFIC NEW AREAS FOR SPECIALISATION
IN THE OPERATIONAL FIELD BUT IT CONTENTS SUGGEST THAT THERE IS
SUFFICIENT
SCOPE FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION OF THE POSSIBILITIES OF SPECIALISATION
BY A SUBGROUP WITH WIDER PARTICIPATION.

RECOMMENDATIONS

10. THE STEERING GROUP THEREFORE RECOMMENDS THE DPC IN PERMANENT
SESSION TO:

A) TAKE NOTE OF THIS REPORT AND ITS ANNEX

B) APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARAGRAPH 54 OF THE ANNEX AND IN
THE LIGHT OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS, DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE
FOLLOWING BODIES TO THE REPORT'S CONCLUSIONS:

- FOR EQUIPMENT: CNADS

- FOR LOGISTICS: THE PROPOSED SACLANT LOGISTICS COORDINATION BOARD OR,

AS APPROPRIATE, EUROLOG

- FOR TRAINING: THE NATO AND EURO TRAINING GROUP

C) INVITE THE EWG/AD70 TO ARRANGE FOR FURTHER STUDIES BY THE SUBGROUP
NAVY IN ITS NEW COMPOSITION.

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